

GREAT PLAINS INTERAGENCY DISPATCH CENTER

STANDARD OPERATING GUIDELINE # 16

TITLE: ROSS Statusing

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INTENT: To give guidelines on how and when to status in the Resource Order and Status System (ROSS).

PURPOSE

The Great Plains Interagency Dispatch Center (GPC) is a zone dispatch center within the Rocky Mountain Region. The zone encompasses South Dakota, Nebraska, Eastern Wyoming and a small part of North Dakota. GPC tracks all resources within the zone. This SOG will explain what each ROSS status means and how to status zone resources.

1. Who should status

- 1.1 Any Agency, Fire Department or Casual Hire (AD), within GPC's zone of influence that would like to provide equipment and / or personnel to be available within a two hour call up to assist in the suppression efforts and prescribed burns. Resources should be statused year around. ROSS is utilized for both wildland fires and prescribed fires as well as all risk incidents. It is up to each employee to obtain supervisor approval prior to statusing.

2. To status

- 2.1 Currently there are two ways to status resources in ROSS.
- 2.2 Web Status - Available for overhead and equipment
- 2.3 Phone - for those without internet access and for crews.
- 2.4 The default is available local or anywhere within GPC's zone of influence. If listed as available the equipment and/or overhead personnel should be ready to go to an incident within two hours from the initial call from GPC.
- 2.5 All resources are swept/set back to available local every Thursday before 1200 except resources whose status has been updated on Wednesday or Thursday morning before 1200. Only Duty Officers, Fire Management Officers and Fire Chiefs (or their designees) can status resources who do not have the ability to self-status.

3. Availability

The current types of availability are:

Type of Status	Area	Resources
Available Local	Anywhere in GPC's zone	Those who don't want to leave the zone and IMT MEMBERS
Available GACC	Rocky Mountain Area**	Those who want to be available only to the GACC and PRIORITY TRAINEES
Available National	Anywhere in the Nation	Priority trainees that will take any type of assignment
Unavailable	Not available for dispatch	Those who don't want to be available at all.

****Rocky Mountain Area is comprised of the following states: SD, NE, WY, KS and CO**

4. GPC has an engine rotation for out of zone resources, go to GPC website click on "Equipment/Supplies" read the protocols then click on the "GPC Engine Rotation", you can see that "Name Requests" aka Agency-specific requests, do not affect the rotation. When statusing equipment available, give GPC a roster of personnel, we will check Red Cards and qualifications. If equipment does not have a roster, the equipment will be set to local, thus not avail outside of GPC Zone.

4.1 VFD resources must have a current agreement with SD State. If a resource is statused and does not have an agreement they will be skipped and made unavailable. If equipment is listed as available and cannot fill within the two hour timeframe the equipment will be listed as unavailable and will be skipped over. Department chiefs can contact the SDS office to update contracts. After the contract issues are concluded and GPC has a roster/manifest then status the piece of equipment available.

5. Crews

5.1 Before crews are statused in ROSS by GPC, send a roster for dispatchers to check Red Cards, qualifications, and individuals are qualified in ROSS. Only status the crew in ROSS, there is no need to status the individual crewmembers.

6. Overhead personnel and Casual Hire (AD's)

6.1 All overhead personnel with the exception of FFT2 (basic firefighter), and FFT1 (advanced firefighter squad boss) should status in ROSS. Please note that overhead personnel may have to be self-sufficient. Overhead personnel will status in web status. Only resources linked under a duty officer account or resources with self-status ability can status via web-status. Casual Hires or Administratively Determined (AD's) in the GPC Zone are also required to web-status.

7. Team Members

7.1 National, regional, and local teams including Buying Teams c. should status themselves in ROSS via web status. For teams with rotation schedules or teams on national rotation, status available local.

8. How to Web Status

8.1 To web status, resources need a NAP account. To obtain a NAP account go to - <https://nap.nwccg.gov/NAP/> and register, Once registered you will receive two emails; one with your username and one with your temporary password Login to the NAP and reset your temporary password. Call GPC and ask to be pulled into ROSS. GPC will grant web status access to the account.

9. Duty Officer

9.1 ROSS longer allows new duty officer accounts. If a duty officer account is already set up and needs people and or equipment added or removed contact GPC with a current list and one of the permanent employees will make the changes. This will be completed as time allows, depending on fire activity.

10. How to web status

10.1 The link (icon) to ROSS Web-statusing can be found on the GPC homepage at http://gacc.nifc.gov/rmcc/dispatch_centers/r2gpc/ on the left hand side toward the bottom.